

(Wednesday, December 2, 1992)

The Senate met at 4:00 p.m. and was called to order by the President.

House Chamber
December 2, 1992

BETTY MURRAY, Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

S.C.R. 10

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25

Senator Barrientos offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The members of the Texas Legislature are proud to recognize the former first lady of the United States, Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson, on the joyous occasion of her upcoming birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born December 22, 1912, in the community of Karnack, the former Claudia Alta Taylor was nicknamed "Lady Bird" at an early age by her family and many friends in Harrison County where she attended a rural elementary school and enjoyed the pastoral pursuits of a country girlhood; and

WHEREAS, She was graduated from Marshall High School in 1928 and attended Saint Mary's Episcopal School for Girls in Dallas for two years before enrolling in The University of Texas at Austin in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson earned undergraduate degrees in history and journalism while attending the university, and has since been awarded honorary degrees from eight major universities and addressed the student bodies of more than 15 universities from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, On November 17, 1934, she became the wife of Lyndon Baines Johnson at Saint Marks Episcopal Church in San Antonio, and the couple enjoyed a rich and rewarding marriage that spanned nearly four decades until the former president's passing on January 22, 1973; and

WHEREAS, During her years in the White House, Mrs. Johnson earned the respect and admiration of the citizens of this state and nation, bringing strength and dignity to each task that she undertook; as this nation's first lady, this remarkable woman gave generously of herself to benefit many worthy causes, and served with the utmost distinction as the honorary chairperson of the National Head Start program; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished tenure, Mrs. Johnson worked tirelessly to instill in others the deep regard for this country that has guided her throughout her life and she has chronicled her years in Washington for the citizens of this nation as the author of A White House Diary; and

WHEREAS, A noted environmentalist, Mrs. Johnson has served as the honorary chair of the LBJ Memorial Grove on the Potomac in Washington, D.C., and the Town Lake Beautification Project in Austin; she also shared her valuable insight and expertise with others as a member of the National Park Service's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments for many years, and remains a trustee emeritus for the National Geographic Society and an active member of the American Conservation Association; and

WHEREAS, In December 1972, Mrs. Johnson joined with her husband in presenting the LBJ Ranch House and surrounding property to the citizens of the United States as a National Historic Site; one decade later, she founded the National Wildflower Research Center near Austin, once again making a lasting contribution to the citizens of this state that will be enjoyed by generations of Texans for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her outstanding efforts to enhance the beauty of our nation through the founding of the center and as the coauthor of Wildflowers Across America, Mrs. Johnson is an active supporter of the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library and Museum and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin; a life member of the university's ex-student association, she also has distinguished herself as a member of the board of regents of The University of Texas System, and as a member of the school's International Conference Steering Committee and its Centennial Commission; and

WHEREAS, This admirable woman has received many well-deserved accolades over the course of her long and fruitful life, including the Congressional Gold Medal, the Medal of Freedom, the Lord & Taylor Rose Award, and the Texan of the Year Award, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson also was appointed to the Advisory Council to the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration by former President Gerald Ford and was appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships by former President Jimmy Carter; and

WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Mrs. Johnson served as a director of Texas Commerce Bank and Texas Commerce Bancshares in Houston and she continues to serve as chairwoman of the board of the LBJ Company, which operates KLBJ-AM and FM radio stations in Austin as well as several other business interests; and

WHEREAS, A devoted mother and grandmother as well, Mrs. Johnson enjoys a very special relationship with her two daughters, Lynda Bird Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson Turpin, and takes great pride in the achievements of her seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, On the occasion of her 80th birthday, it is truly fitting that Mrs. Johnson be honored for a lifetime of exemplary service to this state and nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 72nd Legislature of the State of Texas, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson on the momentous occasion of her 80th birthday and commend this remarkable Texan for her many significant contributions to the betterment of this state and nation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mrs. Johnson as an expression of highest regard by the Legislature of the State of Texas.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Barrientos and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a viva voce vote.

SENATE RULE 11.11 SUSPENDED

On motion of Senator Sims and by unanimous consent, Senate Rule 11.11 was suspended in order that the Committee on Natural Resources might consider S.R. 72 today.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

H.C.R. 6 - (Sims): In memory of B. J. "Joe" Pevehouse of Midland.

H.C.R. 15 - (Brooks): In memory of Isaac D. "Speedy" Kaplan of Galveston.

H.C.R. 19 - (Barrientos): In memory of The Honorable Zollie C. Steakley, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

H.C.R. 20 - (Ratliff): In memory of Dorothy Walker Bush.

H.C.R. 24 - (Barrientos): In memory of The Honorable James Manley Head.

S.R. 65 - By Glasgow: In memory of A. L. Larson of Ranger.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

H.C.R. 9 - (Lucio): Recognizing Senator William H. Wharton and Senator Oliver Jones for their efforts in adopting the design for the Lone Star Flag.

H.C.R. 14 - (Turner): Commemorating the tricentennial of the Old San Antonio Road and honoring its instrumental place in Texas history.

H.C.R. 22 - (Turner): Honoring Judge William S. Lott for his outstanding contributions as a member of the judiciary and extending best wishes to him for a happy and rewarding retirement.

H.C.R. 23 - (Sims): Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the marking of the Chisholm Trail in 1867 and paying tribute to the spirited ranchers, cowboys, and merchants who blazed this trail into the pages of history.

S.R. 66 - By Glasgow: Extending congratulations to Bill Utter of Denton for his selection as a recipient of the 1992 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award.

S.R. 67 - By Moncrief: Extending congratulations to Mae Sudduth on the occasion of her retirement from 37 years of distinguished public service with the City of Fort Worth.

S.R. 68 - By Tejeda: Extending congratulations to the Harlandale varsity cheerleaders of San Antonio for their contributions to the success of the Harlandale Indians football team.

S.R. 69 - By Ellis: Extending congratulations to Dallas Assistant City Attorney Randy C. Cain for his selection to the position of Legislative Director for Senator Lloyd Bentsen's office in Washington, D.C.

S.R. 70 - By Barrientos: Extending congratulations to Michael Hayward on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

S.R. 71 - By Carriker: Extending congratulations to Mary Moses upon her retirement as Dean of the School of Health Sciences at Grayson County College.

S.R. 73 - By Brooks: Recognizing Larry Walker for his 25 years of distinguished service with Roche Laboratories and wishing him continued success.

RECESS

On motion of Senator Brooks, the Senate at 4:06 p.m. took recess until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

In Memory
of

The Honorable Herbert Ray Roberts

Senator Carriker offered the following resolution:

(House Concurrent Resolution 11)

WHEREAS, The family and many friends of former U.S. Representative Herbert Ray Roberts were deeply saddened by the death of this distinguished gentleman on April 13, 1992, at the age of 79, and with his death the State of Texas lost an outstanding individual who for many years had ably served its interests in the Texas Legislature and in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, A native of McKinney, where he was born on March 28, 1913, he served briefly on the staff of the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Sam Rayburn, before proudly coming to the aid of his country during World War II; enlisting in the United States Navy in 1942, he served with distinction as a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy in both the Pacific and European theaters of operation; and

WHEREAS, Recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict in the early 1950s, this distinguished combat veteran continued to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserve for many years until he retired from military service with the rank of captain; he also was a successful businessman who pursued diverse interests ranging from public relations to farming; and

WHEREAS, He began his long and distinguished career in public office in 1954, when he was elected to the Texas Senate; demonstrating both astute political skills and effective legislative leadership, he achieved recognition for his service as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as president pro tempore of the Senate; and

WHEREAS, In January 1962, Mr. Roberts won a special election to fill the vacancy created by the death of his mentor, House Speaker Sam Rayburn; taking his seat as a member of the 87th U.S. Congress, Mr. Roberts quickly earned the respect and admiration of his peers for his noteworthy dedication and hard work in advocating the interests of his constituency; and

WHEREAS, He also won the confidence and support of his constituents in the 4th Congressional District, who reelected him to nine consecutive terms in the U.S. House of Representatives; justifying this public trust, he worked tirelessly to promote the state's and the nation's common good as chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs and chairman of the Water Resources Subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of ensuring adequate supplies of clean water for residents of North Texas, Mr. Roberts devoted much of his 19-year tenure in Congress to the development of regional and national flood control and clean water conservation policies and rightfully earned the appellation "Mr. Water"; and

WHEREAS, Among his most significant contributions in this regard were his drafting of the Water Resources Development Act and his sponsorship of important legislation promoting water pollution abatement, flood control, and construction of the Aubrey Reservoir, which later was renamed Ray Roberts Lake in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts was an exceptional individual who served the public with great vigor, honor, and distinction, and although the loss of this

esteemed gentleman has been widely mourned by a grateful but deeply saddened community, his legacy of dedicated service will long endure and keep alive the memory of a truly great Texan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 72nd Legislature of the State of Texas, 4th Called Session, 1992, hereby honor the memory of former U.S. Representative Herbert Ray Roberts and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jean Roberts of Denton; to his brother, Roy G. Roberts of McKinney; to his stepdaughters, Kathryn Murray of Norfolk, Virginia, Rene Ochs of Kirksville, Missouri, Resa Glenn of Denton, and Rebecca Bird of Carrollton; to his stepsons, Dr. Joe Barnes, Jr., of Denison and Steven Barnes of Denton; and to the other members of his family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of the Honorable Herbert Ray Roberts.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Carriker and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory**of****Thomas Brazelton Steely**

Senator Ratliff offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 12)

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins with the citizens of Paris and Lamar County in mourning the loss of Thomas Brazelton Steely who died November 28, 1992; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 9, 1918, in Paris, Texas, Tom Steely was the great-grandson of the city's founder, George W. Wright, and the son of George Washington and Edna Brazelton Steely; and

WHEREAS, Tom Steely attended Paris High School and Paris Junior College and received a bachelor's degree from East Texas State Teacher's College and a master's degree in education from The University of Texas at Austin; he served in the United States Navy during World War II and married Jane Record on January 20, 1945; and

WHEREAS, A successful businessman and the former owner of The Lamar County Echo, Tom Steely began his outstanding newspaper career in Commerce and Sulphur Springs; he opened a printing business in Paris in 1949 and later expanded the business to include The Lamar County Echo which he operated for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, A man of many talents and wide-ranging experience, Tom Steely served as program coordinator for the Visitors Council of the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce and as vice-president of InterFirst Bank; at the time of his death, he was in charge of community relations and marketing for People's National Bank; and

WHEREAS, Respected in the community for his many accomplishments, Tom Steely was an exemplary gentleman and a well-known civic leader; and

WHEREAS, He was past president of the North and East Texas Press Association, the Texas Press Association, and the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce; he served as a member of the East Texas State University Board of Regents for 14 years and was a member of Governor Mark White's Joint House-Senate Committee on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Tom Steely gave unselfishly of his time to others and to the community; he was a board member of Saint Joseph's Hospital and was treasurer of Interfaith Disaster Services of Paris following the 1982 tornado; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, a church founded by one of his ancestors; and

WHEREAS, Tom Steely was a man who lived his life to the fullest, and his superior understanding, warmth, and compassion will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 72nd Legislature of the State of Texas, 4th Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Thomas

Brazelton Steely: his wife, Jane Record Steely; his sons, Thomas B. "Skipper" Steely, Jr., James Wright Steely, and David Charles Steely; his daughter-in-law, Sheryl Steely; and his grandchildren, Matt Williamson, Clay Williamson, Melissa Steely, and Aaron Steely; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas Brazelton Steely.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Brooks and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

On motion of Senator Ratliff and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.